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Members of the Michigan Legislature,

We want to express our support for H.B. 4959. The bill will bring Michigan law into compliance with a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that could decimate Michigan's law regulating the importation of alcoholic liquor. The court indicated that Michigan law could be saved if it treated suppliers of alcoholic liquor in an "evenhanded manner." That's exactly what H.B. 4959 will do.

Michigan can either open its border to the uncontrolled, untaxed and unregulated importation of alcoholic liquor or it can keep its borders secure by eliminating the ability of instate wine makers to sell directly to customers. Because our members deliver beer, wine and spirits directly to retail licensees we have a direct interest in this issue. We believe it is better to close the door and protect thousands of Michigan jobs rather than opening up the borders and losing not only those jobs but also potentially millions in state revenue.

H.B. 4959 is good legislation and good for Michigan. We urge a yes vote on H.B. 4959.

Sincerely,

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